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The Articles of Confederation

1. It is 1785 and the Articles of Confederation allows free trade in between states without import taxes. Although this is a great improvement, what was one problem trading between states at this time?
2. What role did Robert Morris play in the funding of the American Revolutionary War?
3. In 1777, what four American diplomats were sent to Europe to get military support for the United States?
4. In 1781, what three diplomats were sent to Paris at the end of the Revolutionary War to negotiate the peace treaty?
5. In 1777 and in 1781, how did these American diplomats make an impact on the country?
6. What powers did the Congress have under the Articles of Confederation?
7. Without a national court, what was one problem with the court system during this time period, and how would you personally change it?
8. What is one reason that the Articles of Confederation were made to keep the central government deliberately weak?
9. Under the Articles of Confederation, the national government was made up of only Congress and the agencies it created. What four important departments did Congress establish?

10. How many states had to approve decisions of Congress?
11. Members of Congress were elected for only a year-long term of office. Why was this not a good idea?
12. Why did American soldiers, in 1783, want to overthrow the government?
13. How was this crisis temporarily settled?
14. Why was the government's paper money seen as "basically worthless"?
15. After learning about the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, what would you do to improve the Articles? *Respond to this question as if you were writing a letter to President Washington.*